

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A safety handle for temporary attachment to a pier piling, said safety handle comprising:

a base member constructed of a flexible sheet of material, said base member further defined as having a textured front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge, said front surface adapted to contact a piling;

a handgrip secured to said back surface, said handgrip formed from a first and second leg extending perpendicular to said base member with a receptacle secured therebetween, said ~~including a~~ receptacle sized to receive a chemiluminescent light stick, said receptacle made of a material permitting light to shine through for providing an illuminated stationary support for passengers to grasp while boarding a boat whereby said handgrip will glow in darkness;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, one said strap positioned next to said top edge of said base, a second strap positioned next to said bottom edge of said base, each strap is adapted to extend around a piling;

whereby said base member is secured to a piling by use of said straps wherein said handgrip is available for use in boarding and exiting of a boat.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said hand grip are plastic, said hand grip receptacle being translucent.

15. (Currently Amended) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member is ~~and said hand grip are~~ wood.

16. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said strap is of a length sufficient to encircle a piling between 6 inches and 20 inches.

19. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 18 wherein a proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge after said strap is encircled around a piling.